



Wandering & Wondering

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SIERRA CLUB ENDORSES

After a thorough endorsement process, the Sierra Club's Loma Prieta Chapter has endorsed Planning Commissioners Leo Leon and Tom Clifford and City Council incumbents Sue Digre and Jim Vreeland in the November election for City Council. "Pacifica is fortunate in the particularly high caliber of the candidates in this election," said Bill Collins, who chaired the interview team. "We were impressed with the field." With established track records as members of the City Council or the Planning Commission, [all four] have worked to ensure that Pacifica protects its natural beauty as it plans for future economic growth." Among local issues of concern to the Sierra Club are proposed widening of Highway 1, planning and development, protecting threatened species, and promoting environmentally sound construction. "Other first-time candidates have a promising future offering their energy and dedication," Collins concluded. "We encourage them to stay involved for the betterment of Pacifica." The endorsement process consisted of a written questionnaire, a series of in-person interviews with a team of local volunteers, examination of each candidate's record in protecting the natural environment, and review and approval by several levels within the club. The Sierra Club is a grassroots environmental

advocacy organization founded in California more than a century ago.

SAVE WILDLIFE

The state Department of Fish & Game (DFG) is reviewing the status of California's 21 game refuges (totaling about a million acres, mostly in Northern California). At present, NO hunting is allowed in these areas. DFG apparently wants to close 19 of the 21 refuges, thereby opening them to hunting. DFG is accepting public comments on this matter until December 1, 2010. California game refuges were established a century ago to enhance and protect the state's wildlife populations. The state Legislature directed DFG to review and evaluate the refuges. DFG feels that the purpose of these refuges is no longer valid. It does not want to be responsible for continuing to "manage" them, and is considering eliminating nearly all of them. Before DFG can make its recommendation to the Legislature, DFG is required to provide an opportunity for public comment. It is apparent that DFG has extended minimal effort to inform the public of the right to comment on this issue, as very few Californians are aware that wildlife refuges are about to be eliminated. DFG evaluation of the status of existing state game refuges: dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/gamerefuges/. DFG's short survey soliciting public opinion: [uge. Email additional comments to \[wildlifestrategy@dfg.ca.gov\]\(mailto:wildlifestrategy@dfg.ca.gov\). Please spread this information widely. Many Californians are unaware that they are about to lose the wildlife refuges and the public-comment opportunity. See the excellent article on this issue by Marilyn Jasper, chair of the Sierra Club chapter in Placer County, published in the Placer Sentinel: \[placersentinel.com/2010/protecting_state_game.html\]\(http://placersentinel.com/2010/protecting_state_game.html\).](http://surveymonkey.com/s/gameref-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

INNER EDITOR CLASS

Do you have an eagle eye? Do you correct your family, friends, and colleagues when they make mistakes in English? If so, you might have inherited good grammar genes, i.e., your genetic predisposition. Or you might be a conscientious, hardworking student of the language. Whatever the case, here is your chance to learn how to make a living as a copyeditor or proofreader. This Saturday afternoon noncredit class offers career tips and lively discussion. The instructor (yours truly) is an experienced editor, working in the Bay Area since the days of typewriters and carbon paper (Goofbuster.com). Register now for the October 9 class at Foothill-De Anza College, Community Education (shortcourses.fhda.edu), 408-864-8817.

SHARK TRAIN

Take Caltrain to all Sharks home games (sharks.nhl.com) at HP Pavilion. With its San Jose terminal across the street from the hockey arena, Caltrain service makes it easy to avoid the hassle and expense of driving and parking. Several trains arrive in time for face-off. The last weekday and Saturday northbound trains leave San Jose station at 10:30 p.m. and may depart up to 15 minutes later if the game is still under way, making all regular local stops. Trains stop at Broad-

way and Atherton stations on weekends only. Passengers must purchase tickets before boarding. Ticket options include one way, Day Pass (round trip), and eight-ride pass. Passengers must validate eight-ride tickets before boarding. Monthly passholders ride free through all zones on weekends. Open alcoholic beverage containers not allowed onboard trains starting at 9 p.m. For more information on schedules and fares, call Caltrain's Customer Service Center at 1-800-660.4287 or visit caltrain.com.

OCEAN BEACH BULLETIN

After months of publishing almost entirely on Twitter, the Ocean Beach Bulletin now has its own website at oceanbeachbulletin.com. Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Tom Prete says, "I think the Ocean Beach area of San Francisco is a special part of a special city, and the people who live, work and play here deserve a great news source all their own. I hope we'll be interesting and useful. Because I know many of you love the beach and adjacent neighborhoods in many different ways, I also wanted to tell you about a way you can share that love. I hope you'll consider writing your own memories of -- or homages to -- the area for a part of the Bulletin we call Ocean Beach Recollections."

LEON CAMPAIGN PARTY

Pacifica City Council candidate Leo Leon is endorsed by the Central Labor Council of San Mateo County, the San Mateo County Democratic Party, and the Loma Prieta chapter of the Sierra Club. The public is invited to attend Leon's campaign endorsement celebration and benefit on Sunday, October 3 from noon to 4 p.m. at Sheldance Orchid Farm, 2000 Highway 1 in Pacifica (entrance just north of the police station). Ten dollars

gets you in the door. Music by world-class jazz artists Larry Dunlap & Bobby Norris, Santa Cruz rocker David Kerrey, art auction, orchid & dinner raffle, and more. Contact: leoleonfor-pacifica@hotmail.com

FOGZILLA STRIKES BACK

Peter Fimrite humorously reported in the September 23 San Francisco Chronicle that the recent heat wave was a "welcome respite" from our cool summer. Fimrite did a good job of explaining Diablo winds and Northern California fall climate patterns, but I informed him that some of us down here on the coast actually prefer fog to sun, and I asked for equal time. If you pay attention to media (print, TV, radio), you can't help but detect a bias toward sunny weather. It's blatant among the chattering classes on the evening news, and you hear it even on KDFC as the classical-music deejays whine about cold fog and rhapsodize about warm sunshine. We just can't get no respect!

CORRECTION

I inadvertently omitted a word in my item two weeks ago about closed captioning. During a TV documentary on the Burning Man Festival, UR's closed-caption software rendered the name of the event as "Barney Manifest Value."

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